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SUBJ : ELF ACTIVITY

1. ON 20 JUNE ABOUT 1800 HOURS, SHUM IBRAHIM HUMMED AREI, A MEMBER OF THE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL, WAS MACHINE GUNNED FROM A PASSING CAR IN FRONT OF HIS HOME IN ASMARA, ABOUT 5 BLOCKS FROM THE AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL. HIS FUNERAL IS AT NOON TODAY IN KEREN. SHUM AREI WAS SECRETARY OF SOCIAL SERVICES DURING THE ERITREAN FEDERATION.

2. THE MOTIVE FOR HIS DEATH IS NOT CLEAR ALTHOUGH THERE ARE SEVERAL CONTRIBUTING FACTORS. TWO YEARS AGO HIS BROTHER, A MEMBER OF THE ELF, WAS KILLED BY SECURITY FORCES. HE CHOOSE NOT TO CONFORM TO TRADITIONAL MUSLIM MOURNING PERIODS BECAUSE OF HIS POSITION WITH THE GOVERNMENT. IT IS THOUGHT THAT THIS EARNED HIM THE ENMITY OF THE ELF. DURING RECENT GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES' STRIKE IN ERITREA, HE WAS ONLY MEMBER OF PROVINCIAL COUNCIL NOT TO SIGN THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S ORDER DEMANDING AN END TO THE STRIKES. THIS MAY HAVE DECREASED HIS POPULARITY AMONG SOME  
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MEMBERS OF SECURITY FORCES WHO SUPPORT GOVGEN.

3. ON 20 JUNE IN SENAFI A BUS OF THE WOLLO SHARE BUS COMPANY WAS DESTROYED. IT IS REPORTED THAT 6 PEOPLE ARE DEAD AS A RESULT OF THE INCIDENT.

4. ON EVENING OF 16 JUNE, A BOMB WAS THROWN INTO A BAR IN DECAMARE, KILLING 4 MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY FORCES AND WOUNDING OTHERS.

5. ON 15 AND 16 JUNE, THE COMMANDO POLICE ENGAGED THE ELF NEAR DONGOLLO. THE COMMANDOS REPORTED 17 CASUALTIES.  
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